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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1950

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SUBJ: ANTI-NIMAIRI DEMONSTRATION

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. KHARTOUM REMAINS QUIET. RUMORED MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD EFFORTS CONTINUE AGITATION FAILED MATERIALIZE. ARRESTS CONTINUING. CASUALTIES UNKNOWN. PRO-NIMAIRI COUNTER-RALLIES SCHEDULED FOR EVEING AUG 31 AND MORNING SEPT 1. GOS ISSUES OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONDEMNING MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD, COMMUNISTS AND "POLITICAL PARTY REMNANTS." ANTI-GOS DEMONSTRATION HAS NOT EVOKED POPULAR SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. CURRENT STATUS. NO INCIDENTS REPORTED DURING NIGHT AUG 30. AS OF AFTERNOON AUG 31, THREE TOWNS AREA IS QUIET WITH TANKS AND WEAPONS CARRIERS AT STRATEGIC POINTS (PALACE, UNIVERSITY AND BRIDGES), BUT TROOPS HAVE RELAXED ATTITUDE. RUMORED MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD EFFORT PROMOTE STREET DEMONSTRATIONS
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FOLLOWING USUAL FRIDAY EXODUS FROM MOSQUES APPARENTLY

UNSUCCESSFUL (IF ATTEMPTED). NUMBER OF MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD AND OTHER SUSPECTS ARRESTED.

3. PLANNED PRO-NIMAIRI RALLIES. GOS HAS ANNOUNCED WAD MEDANI SSU CONTINGENT OF SEVERAL THOUSAND WILL MAKE TRIUMPHANT MOTORCADE PROCESSION TO KHARTOUM ARRIVING SSU HDQTRS 5:00 P.M. TODAY FOR RALLY. "MASSIVE" PRO-NIMAIRI DEMONSTRATION SCHEDULED FOR 11:00 AM TOMORROW. SOME EXPECTATION "MASSES" EITHER TONIGHT OR TOMORROW WILL "OCCUPY" UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AS PRO-NIMAIRI GESTURE. SSU HAS ANNOUNCED RECEIPT SUPPORTING CABLES FROM VARIETY "POPULAR ORGANIZATION", BUT RAILWAY WORKERS UNION SILENT SO FAR.

4. OFFICIAL STATEMENT. GOS HAS BROADCAST AND ISSUED SPECIAL NULSHEET CONTUINING OFFICIAL STATEMENT WHICH NOTES GOS PATIENCE IN FACE CONTINUING STUDENT PROVOCATIONS IN FORM MEETINGS, WALL POSTERS AND LEAFLETS; SMALL BAND MUSLIM BROTHERS, COMMUNISTS AND POLITICAL PARTY REMNANT "DEVIATORS" ABUSED FREEDOM TO DEFILE REVOLUTION; UNIVERSITY VICE-CHANCELLOR ACCORDINGLY SUSPENDED CLASSES FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH FACULTY; MUSLIM BROTHERS, COMMUNISTS AND POLITICAL PARTY REMNANTS SHOUTED INSULTS AND BEGAN HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION, SECURITY FORCES USING LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDERTOOK DUTY TO STOP THEM; STUDENT INCIDENT LATEST IN SERIES STUDENT PLOTS HATCHED AT UNIVERSITY; PLOTTERS EXPLOITED UNIVERSITY FREEDOM, INSTITUTIONS AND BECAME "NEST FOR VANQUISHED ORGANIZATIONS;" STUDENT UNION SOUGHT SUBVERT SECONDARY SCHOOLS; INCITEMENT LED TO DEMONSTRATION AND DEATH SOLDIER; SECURITY FORCES CONTROLLING SITUATION; CITIZENS SHOULD BE AWARE GROUP HAS ANNOUNCED UNIVERSITY STRIKE AND CALLED FOR A CONFERENCE OF DEFEATED REMNANTS TO ESTABLISH "NEW AUTHORITY OF PARTIES AND OTHER DREAMS AND ILLUSIONS;" DECISION VL TO APPLY STRICT MEASURES TO (A) DISPERSE DEMONSTRATION WITH MINIMUM FORCE; (B) GUARD AND PROTECT THE UNIVERSITY FROM DESTRUCTION; (C) MAKE ARRESTS IN ACCORDANCT ART. 92 (H) OF CRIMINAL LAW (INCITEMENT TO RIOT)--NAMES PROMISED "LATER".

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5. COMMENT:

A. SOME AMBIGUITY EXISTS WHETHER UNIVERSITY WAS CLOSED BEFORE OR AFTER DEMONSTRATION. WE BELIEVE UNIVERSITY WAS CLOSED IN ANTICIPATION OF DEMONSTRATION.

B. NO INDICATION DEMONSTRATION HAS EVOKED POPULAR SUPPORT EVEN WITH HARANGUES AND APPEALS AGAINST PRICES

AND SHORTAGES. SUDANESE APPARENTLY DO NOT SEE ANY
VIALE POLITICAL ALTERNATIVE TO NIMAIRI AND THEIR
PRE-1971-72 EXPOSURE TO RADICAL ECONOMIC PROGRESS IS
TOO RECENT TO BE BEGUILING.
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